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1. On the following page are particulars of MVD and MGB uniforms observed in Latvia, mainly Lepaya:

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TYPE OF TROOPS	COLOR OF UNIFORM	BRANCH OF SERVICE COLOR	OFFICERS' SHOULDER-BOARDS	ENLISTED MEN'S SHOULDER-BOARDS	CAP CROWN	CAP BAND
Internal	Khaki or olive green Coats: gray	Light blue and probably red piping	Gold background, light blue piping and center stripes	Blue background, red piping	Blue with red piping	Red
Frontier	Khaki or olive green Coats: gray. Parade uniform: green jackets, dark blue trousers	Green, red piping	Gold background, green center stripes	Green background	Green	Dark blue
Maritime Frontier	Officers: naval black	Green	Gold background, green piping and center stripes	Black with green piping and gold rank stripes	Officers: Naval caps; EM: on band "MGB - Maritime Frontier Guardsmen" (Morskiye Pogranichniki)	
Militia	Winter: dark blue; Summer: white jackets and gloves (rare) dark blue trousers	Red, blue piping	Gold background	Red with blue piping	Winter: dark blue Summer: white	Winter and summer: red
Railroad and River Militia	Black Coats: dark blue	Dark red Curved sabers are carried	-	-	-	-
Fire-guards	Khaki or olive green Coats: gray	Blue	Gold with blue center stripes and piping	Blue background, red piping	Blue with red piping	Dark blue
Prison Guards	Khaki or olive green Coats: gray	Blue	Gold with blue center stripes and piping	Blue background, red piping	Blue with red piping	Dark blue

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2. In winter, gray fur caps are worn (Maritime Frontier Guards: Black).
- a. Generals, and general staff officers from lieutenant colonels upwards wear the Papakha type, gray Persian lamb or Karakul fur, except Maritime Frontier Guards.
 - b. Militia of all ranks wear a round fur cap, not as tall as the Papakha type. This is made so that the front will stay up and the back can be turned down to cover ears and neck. The fur is black and the hat has a blue cloth top and red piping crossed.

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